

## FRIGHTFUL FALL BY AN ELECTRICIAN

Earl Doult, aged 25 years, fell from a traveling crane at the tin plate mills this morning at 2 o'clock and received serious injuries, for which he is now receiving treatment at St. Mary's hospital.

Doult is an electrician, and is employed at the mills to operate the large electric traveling crane. He was pursuing his duties this morning when in some manner he fell from the crane, which had attained an altitude of thirty feet. His right leg was broken in three places, severe bruises and contusions cover his body, and there is yet a possibility of internal injuries.

The young man fell in a pool of water, and lay there for some time until help could be rendered him. As soon as an ambulance could be obtained he was sent to St. Mary's hospital for treatment arriving there about five o'clock.

Doult, together with the other members of the family, reside at the Gardiner hotel, on Main street. His mother and other relatives were notified, and he is receiving the best of care and resting as easily as possible under the circumstances.

## THE HELLO GIRLS SEE THE SHOW

Twenty-one hello girls attended the performance of the Bennett-Moulton company at the opera house yesterday afternoon and night. Thirteen from the Consolidated, and eight from the Bell exchanges made such a collection of feminine beauty that the opera house has not seen in many a day. The young ladies all report a fine time and say they enjoyed the show immensely, and twenty of them fell in love with the leading man. The other one had already done so.

The thanks of the girls are extended to the manager, Mr. R. Singler-Robinson, for his hospitality. And every one else will have to get off the wire when he wants to phone.

## MR. DAVIS HAS BIG CROPS

Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Davis, of Perryburg, O., have come from Kenmare, N. D., where they spent the last nine months on his farm there, and Mr. Davis was in the city Thursday. He will remain at home until April, when he will return to North Dakota for a short time. He will not remain there as he has rented his farm there to two of his nephews for five years. He raised large crops the past summer, harvesting 5,600 bushels of wheat and a large quantity of flax and oats, bringing the aggregate number of bushels of grain raised by him up to between 10,000 and 11,000 bushels. He had 460 acres under cultivation and for next year has broken 575 acres for the crop. The health of himself and family has been unusually good and he looks fine upon his return to his native place.

## OFFICERS SHOT BY DESPERADOES

By Associated Press.  
Perryburg, O., Dec. 28.—Caught in a Perryburg interurban early today five young men shot and wounded Marshall Frank Thornton in the stomach so that he will probably die. Another member of the gang shot Deputy Marshall William Scott in the right foot causing a painful but not dangerous wound. The desperadoes then scattered and escaped.

## LAWYERS MEET

The West Virginia Bar Association convened in annual session at Fairmont Thursday to continue two days. John Bassel, C. B. Sperry and John W. Davis went down on the morning train to attend. Also on the same train were W. G. Benson, of West Union, and Judge M. H. Phillips, of West Union. Others from Charleston were another party, who passed through here to

## ENGINE STRIKES BIG BOWLDER

The engine of the passenger train to New Martinsville ran against a large boulder in Smith's cut near Hepzibah Thursday morning and was disabled. Another engine was secured and the train went on to New Martinsville after a delay of an hour and a half.

The passenger train coming in last night ran into an open switch at Archer's siding half way between Smithfield and Jacksonburg and narrowly averted being derailed. No damage was done.

## OLD "DOMINECK" COCK OF THE WALK

Now that the poultry show has come and gone, an amusing story is being told about a certain chicken fancier. This gentleman, who shall be nameless, has quite a chicken yard filled with "dominecks," which variety are good either fried, boiled or stewed. The Major Domo of the flock was an antiquated rooster. The cares of supplying worms from daylight until dark for his large family was about all the old gentleman could do and he was consequently an easy mark for the neighboring roosters.

In some manner it must have been circulated abroad in chickenland, for the roosters came from far and near, to do a little training for harder battles. It became so that any rooster who hadn't licked this old one thought he had not completed his day's work. The old rooster took his daily beatings philosophically enough, but no so his owner. He became tired of the drubbings his pet was receiving, and one day during the meeting of the poultry show he conceived a brilliant idea. Going to the show he purchased the most ferocious game cock he could find, and carefully concealing him in a bag started for home. When he arrived a judicious use of paint transformed the game bird into a fair likeness of the old "domineck," and except for a pair of sharp spurs and a savage gleam of the eye, no apparent change has been made in the business manager of the chicken yard. The aged "domineck" was securely locked up and his substitute was turned loose to await developments. It was a sad day for the chicken colony in that neighborhood. The first visiting rooster, coming in for his regular morning exercise, got his quick. In about two seconds he had a broken leg. The next arrival departed minus one eye. The roosters all came as usual to have their daily fun, but they departed in short order, and many excited conclaves were held in the poultry circles during that day.

All is peace and quiet in that poultry yard now, and the old "domineck" reinstated, walks around with haughty tread with none to molest him. His crow now takes on a defiant ring, and he actually seems to believe that he did the trick himself. As he stalks about among his feathered seraglio, he is a specimen of a bluffer that should be the envy of all habitués of the gentle game of draw.

## DIVIDEND DECLARED

At the meeting of the board of directors of the Empire National bank Wednesday afternoon the usual semi-annual dividend was declared and the bank was found to be in a very prosperous condition and constantly growing.

## Death of Child

The death of Mary, the nine-year-old daughter of A. M. G. Donahoe, of Weston, occurred at her home Wednesday afternoon from spinal trouble. She had been an invalid all her life. The funeral occurred from the Catholic church there at 10 o'clock Thursday morning.

## Marriage Licenses

Marriage licenses have been issued to Cyrus C. McKenney and Rozella Allen, John H. Zink and Irene W. Griffith, and Alvin E. Weekley and Willa Davis.

## HAMMOND TO SUCCEED DARNALL

Wednesday night at a meeting of the board of directors of the Boys' Reform School at Pruntytown, a state institution, Dr. D. S. Hammond, of Weston, was elected superintendent of the school to succeed O. E. Darnall, resigned. Dr. Hammond formerly resided at Moundsville and is the Methodist pastor at Weston. He is a brother-in-law of Dr. David L. Ash, of Huntington, former presiding elder of the Methodist denomination in the Clarksburg district. Dr. Hammond has been president of the board. It is understood that he was merely a receptive candidate, but being the choice of Governor W. M. O. Dawson he was chosen for the place. O. O. Sutton, of Sutton, was his principal competitor for the position. Dr. Hammond will enter upon the duties of the place at once.

## BRIGHT BOY IS WARD FLETCHER

Ward Fletcher, aged 10 years, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Fletcher, is a very precocious boy. He has attained the seventh grade at school during his short school career, and is always reading and studying, resulting from which he is thoroughly posted on most every current subject, and talks interestingly and intelligently about the events of the day, to say nothing of what he has gathered from his books.

Ward has the distinction of being the youngest cashier in the state. He made a reputation during the day before Christmas and throughout the holiday rush at his father's very popular Bee Hive store. He was placed in charge of the cash drawer of the splendid system in the store and orders were sent in from every direction, but he did not fail once. Nor could he be confused as was attempted to test his ability. He was accurate, quick and patient and at no time could he be rattled, however great the attempt to do so.

Ward was not only the pride of the store, but also of the wonder of the numerous patrons, whose admiring attention was arrested by his cleverness and efficiency. A very bright future is in store for young Mr. Fletcher in the business and intellectual world. Talented as he is he will have a brilliant career either in the business or professional world as he may choose.

## TOWN TICKET IS NOMINATED

The Republicans of Adamston will hold their municipal convention tomorrow night at 7:30 o'clock in the school house there. The committee has issued a call for the convention at that time. Candidates for mayor, recorder and five councilmen will be nominated.

The "Citizens" ticket has been put in the field there and is as follows: For mayor—George Criss. For recorder—James C. Garrett. For council—Charles Elliott, W. J. Primm, Robert Alexander, M. F. Bartlett and William Clelland.

## DANCE AT WALDO

The exclusive society club, "The Assembly," will give a ball at the Waldo tonight. All of the S. S. will be out in force and it promises to be a most brilliant affair. Society's favorite, Cupid Walters, will wield the baton over his aggregation of atmosphere disturbers and harmony invaders.

## Court in Chambers

Judge Charles W. Lynch heard in chambers Thursday morning a motion to dissolve an injunction in the case of Jones vs. The West Fork Glass company and continued the matter until Saturday.

## Reynolds Held

William Reynolds was held Wednesday evening by Justice M. S. Riley under bond of \$500, which he gave, charged with passing a stone through windows of the Russell street car.

## COURT BUSY WITH PETITIONS

Wednesday afternoon the county court sitting in special session transacted considerable business. Petitions for reductions of assessments were refused as follows:

A. J. Sheets, 67 acres, Clark district.

Annie L. Kearnes, lot, city. James E. Harbert, 144 acres, Sardis district.

Ernest Randolph, lot, Salem. James A. Griffin, 86 acres, Eagle district.

H. A. and S. C. Swager, 86 acres, Sardis district. L. W. Pigott, 190 acres, Eagle district.

T. Clemmans, 106 acres, Union district. M. A. and D. A. Samples, 73 acres, Tenuille district.

F. A. Parrish, 29 acres, Sardis district. James T. Coffman, 304 acres, Eagle district.

George B. Coffman, 272 acres, Eagle district. Minnie Kester, tract, Elk district.

Job Dix, 19 acres, Elk district. J. E. and R. G. Lucas, 3 tracts, Clay and Eagle districts.

A. A. Swiger, in Sardis district, was given a reduction from \$28 to \$25 an acre.

A lot charged to Emory Brand in Grant district and valued at \$25 was stricken off; also one lot charged to F. and Elizabeth Tibbitts with house valued at \$30 and itself at \$100, and the two lots were consolidated and charged to W. B. Weekley at \$125 for land and buildings.

A lot on Pike street, near Bridge, was ordered charged to H. U. Crummit at \$100.

A lot belonging to E. R. Moore was changed from \$7,500 to \$7,000. J. E. Koon's building was reduced from \$3,500 to \$2,700 in Clay district.

A building belonging to D. L. Perine in Union district was reduced from \$400 to \$100.

A. D. Corpening's lot in Bridgeport was reduced from \$2,300 to \$1,300, and building from \$1,700 to \$1,200.

The buildings were ordered off 52 acres belonging to George B. Coffman.

Nine thousand dollars for buildings was ordered added to W. S. Law's lot in the city, and 94 acres and three lots were consolidated at Quiet Dell (the value to remain the same).

The Highland-Denham lot in Clay district was reduced from \$2,600 to \$1,500, and the buildings from \$2,200 to \$2,000, including the Rinehart lot, another building in Clay was reduced \$325, and their Fourth street lot here was increased from \$1,400 to \$14,000.

Jesse B. Flint was charged with one-sixteenth of the oil and gas in the A. Mathey farm of 104 acres in Tenuille district.

The Williams & Randolph buildings in Salem were reduced to \$6,800.

A lot belonging to Ernest Randolph in Salem was increased from \$1,800 to \$2,300 and another lot of his was reduced from \$1,400 to \$900.

Gordon B. Late's 10 acres near Bridgeport was reduced from \$150 an acre to \$100 per acre.

The John M. Coffman farm of 245 3-4 acres in Eagle district was reduced from \$38 to \$30 an acre.

A building valued at \$100 on C. A. Short's 19 acre tract was ordered off.

Two acres charged to J. W. Smith in Grant district was ordered off and 90 and 112 1-2 acres were consolidated and changed from \$36 to \$32 an acre.

W. M. Late's heirs were charged with 7 acres at \$20 an acre, the same having been left off by error. Reductions were made Thursday as follows:

E. P. Brooke, building, Coal district, \$900.

L. W. Pigott, 90 acres, Eagle district, from \$23 to \$15.

A. S. Childers, Tenuille district, building from \$100 to \$75.

Alva Robinson, mill property, Sardis district, \$100 to \$75 for lot, and \$1,900 to \$1,425 on building.

David H. Thrash, 34 acres, from \$28 to \$25.

Martin Brothers, 80 acres, Eagle district, reduced to 28 acres.

John Bassel's residence from \$8,000 to \$6,000.

Mary Monroe, 94 acres, from \$200 an acre to \$140, with no change in buildings.

Two lots charged to Mary R. Goff in Coal district were stricken off.

## PRETTY WEDDING SOLEMNIZED

The marriage of Mr. Dorsey Homer Parrill and Miss S. Arella Martin was prettily solemnized at the Goff Methodist church at five o'clock Wednesday evening. Rev. S. K. Arthnot, pastor of the church, was the officiating clergyman, and the ceremony was performed in the presence of a large number of invited guests, friends of the happy contracting parties.

The bride was beautifully dressed and looked very lovely, as did also the bridesmaid, Miss Hattie Martin, cousin of the bride.

Mr. Samuel R. Bentley was best man and the ushers were Messrs. Wood Stotler, Kirk Martin, Walter Nutter and Ralph Reynolds.

After the ceremony a wedding supper was served the bridal party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Groves, and the occasion was one of delight.

The happy couple are popular young people of this city and have a legion of friends, who wish them much joy and a long life.

Mr. and Mrs. Parrill left on the 9:45 o'clock train for Pittsburg by way of Grafton to spend their honeymoon. They will reside at Huntington.

## WOODMEN'S CAMP ELECT OFFICERS

The Woodmen of the World held their regular weekly meeting last night in the Pythian hall in Glen Elk. Two candidates, Messrs. Eustace McWhorter and Sebastian Haught were admitted to membership and initiated into the lodge. At this meeting the officers of the lodge for the ensuing year were elected. The gentlemen who will preside over the destinies of the Clarksburg Woodmen for the next twelve months are:

P. C. C.—F. O. Sutton. C. C.—I. T. Moneypenny.

A. L.—M. M. Bradford. Banker—W. L. McWhorter.

Clerk—C. M. Ernst. Escort—J. Hooper.

Watchman—P. A. Haught. Sentry—Seymour McClung.

Board of managers—R. Shackelford, T. M. Kennedy and W. A. Clinton.

## INSURRECTION IS BROKEN

By Associated Press.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 28.—Moscow reports by telephone that the backbone of the insurrection was broken there yesterday. Only guerrilla warfare is kept up. There is a lack of leadership among the revolutionists.

## PRESBYTERIAN COMMITTEE ARRANGING FOR UNION

By Associated Press.

St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 28.—A joint committee representing the Northern Presbyterian and Cumberland Presbyterian churches met today to arrange the details to organize a union. This involves the disposal of colleges, boards and other institutions now maintained by the two bodies as well as the merging of Presbyteries where both denominations are represented. This committee will report to the general assemblies which meet in May.

## KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS

The Knights of Pythias held their regular meeting tonight in the hall in Glen Elk. The election of officers for the ensuing year will be made at this meeting. A smoker, or social session, will be held after all business is transacted.

## Dr. McClain Dies

Dr. W. H. McClain, one of the physicians at the Weston asylum, died there at 6 o'clock Wednesday night, aged 38 years. He was from Kanawha county and a prominent member of the medical fraternity. Stomach trouble caused his death.

## SUICIDE REPORTED BUT WAS NOT TRUE

## GOVERNOR DAWSON GUEST AT WALDO

A distinguished party headed by Governor W. M. O. Dawson was at the Waldo over night Wednesday and left on the early train for Fairmont to attend a meeting of the Republican executive committee there. In the party besides Governor Dawson were W. M. Miller and John T. Harris, of Parkersburg; C. W. Swisher, of Charleston, secretary of state; O. A. Petty, of Charleston; Elliott Northcott, of Charleston; United States district attorney for the Southern district; S. W. Matthews, of Charleston; C. D. Elliott, of Parkersburg; United States district attorney for the Northern district; George A. Laughlin, of Wheeling, editor of the Wheeling Intelligencer, and C. E. Haddox, of Moundsville, warden of the state penitentiary.

## INTEREST RATE ADVANCES GREATLY

By Associated Press.

New York, Dec. 28.—The advance in interest rate today was a phenomenal rise. From 60 it was quick to advance to 75, 90 and then 100 per cent, breaking all records since 1898 when 186 per cent was paid. Later loans were made at 110 and still later loans of \$400,000 at 125 are reported.

## NO LICENSE, NO WEDDING

Mr. W. Knox Campbell, of Tampa, Fla., and Miss Josephine Hyatt, daughter of John Hyatt, of Morgansville, accompanied by Rev. Arthur Hank, of Salem, came to the city Thursday morning, expecting to be married at the Waldo hotel. Mr. Campbell applied for the license here, which would have been granted, had the bride-elect lived in the county, but being a resident of another county, the license could not be granted in this county. They left on the afternoon accommodation disappointed, but will secure the license at West Union and be married later.

## OFFICE IMPROVEMENTS ACCEPTED BY COURT

The county clerk's office has been transformed into modern rooms and has a business-like and up-to-date appearance, and best of all greater security has been given to public documents by the improvement. Completed Thursday and accepted by the court, The Art Metal Construction Company, of Jamestown, N. Y., had the contract for installing metal document files and roller shelves and tables and desks. The company filled its contract to the satisfaction of the clerk and court and the work Thursday, when finished.

## EUCHRE ENTERTAINMENT

The Ladies of the Altar Society of the Catholic church will give a euchre party in Centennial hall tomorrow evening from 8 to 11 o'clock. Refreshments will be served. A small admission will be charged.

## SPECIAL MEETINGS

Special prayer meetings will be held at Goff Methodist church tomorrow night and Saturday night, followed by a watch meeting Sunday night to see the old year out and the new year in.

## Miner Arrested

George Stoltz, a miner employed at Ocean mines, was arrested today by Constable Andrew Lyon on a warrant sworn out by Joseph Gormall, charging him with assault and battery. He was brought before Magistrate Gordon where he confessed, and was fined \$5 and costs, which he paid.

Shortly after supper Mrs. Ella Green, wife of "Red" Green, colored, employed at J. E. Williams' livery stable, was stricken with heart trouble and for some time her condition was alarming.

Mrs. Green resides on Second street near the livery barn and she purchased a disinfectant to destroy the smell. Coming back she felt a sense of weakness and she consulted a physician, who advised her to take a stimulant. She did so and then began to spray the disinfectant around the room, and while thus engaged was overcome from the effects of the stimulant and her weakened condition, and fell fainting on a couch. Some one entered and seeing her lying there and smelling the disinfectant as well as seeing a half-empty bottle on the chiffonier, suspected either foul play or suicide, and gave the alarm, causing the rumor to spread that she had committed suicide, thus adding another to the list of those here who took their own life recently.

A physician was summoned and she was shortly restored and is now herself again. There was no attempt at suicide, and greater care should be exercised in spreading such reports.

## TICKET NAMED AT SHINNSTON

A convention was held at Shinnston Wednesday night and the following ticket nominated for the town election the fourth of January:

H. D. Shinn, mayor. Lawrence Hawkins, recorder. Thomas Jarrett, David Bock, G. Frank Randall, L. J. Rowland and Dr. Rinehart, councilmen.

The nominee for mayor is the present mayor.

## HOTELS BURN BY EXPLOSION

By Associated Press.

Niagara Falls, N. Y., Dec. 28.—An explosion in the basement of the Hotel Hotel early this morning caused a fire damaging three hotels and several adjacent buildings. The guests of the hotel escaped with the loss of their effects. The Imperial hotel and Temperance house, and others burned. The total loss is \$140,000.

## GOAL DEALERS ARE FINED

By Associated Press.  
Cleveland, O., Dec. 28.—Officers of the Cleveland Board of Control Association indicted on the charge of violating the Valentine act and have pleaded guilty in Common Pleas court today and were sentenced to pay fines.

The three officials who appeared in court were William H. Bratton, president of the C. B. C. Association, and J. V. Nyates, member of the executive committee. Each of the three defendants were fined \$500 and costs. Each paid his fine and costs at once.

Prosecutor Ross then announced that the indictments against the other goaldealers would be nolled.

## STORMS CONTESTS HANLY'S DEMAND

By Associated Press.  
Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 28.—Daniel E. Storms, secretary of state, has not resigned and it is not known whether he will comply with the demand of Governor Hanley, or not. He today refused to discuss the subject.

It was reported that afternoon that Mr. Storms had retained counsel and would contest the demand of the Governor for his resignation on the ground that he had not violated the law.

June Clark, of Carmon, was the guest of his brother, Harry Clark, Wednesday night.